SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1898.

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judgment in making the other selections and to warrant the prediction that good results will follow the administration of its affairs by them. It is we believe a body of practical and intelligent business men. who, realizing the responsibilities of the duties imposed them, will do their level best to make the oyster induslevel best to make the oyster industry now under their control a success. But its success, of course, depends not only on their efforts, but on those engaged in the industry, and it is to be hoped, that the Board will have their hearty co-operation in its labors in meeting all the requirements of our oyster laws in the payment of taxes due by them and otherwise—

and detonators were stowed in the cabin aft, and remote from the scene of the explosion. Waste was carefully looked after on board the Maine to obviate danger. Special orders in regard to this had been given by the commanding officer. Varnishes, dryens alchohol and other combustibles of this nature were stowed on or above the main deck and could not have had anything to do with the destruction of the Maine. The medical stores were stowed aft, under the wardroom, and remote from the scene of the explosion. Waste was carefully looked after on board the Maine to obviate danger. Special orders in payment of the bill creating the Board of Fisheries. Senator LeCato, as well as many Tidewater people, warmly endorsed Dr. Fletcher, and the Senator assured the Governor that he could depend upon Dr. Fletcher to devote his time and energies to the destruction of the Maine. The medical stores were stowed aft, under the could be a supplied to the could depend upon Dr. Fletcher to devote his time and energies to the discharge of the duties of the position.

SKETCH OF THE PRESIDENT and they must help to make the operation of our oyster laws under the management of the Board of Fisheries a success, if they would avert the dangers of the radical oyster measure, which would follow a failure at the next meeting of our Legislature. That the Board, as at present constituted, is to be a working body, with the best interests of the State at heart, seems to have been demonstrated at its first meeting on Wednesday in cutting down the salaries of the captain of the Chesaoperation of our oyster laws under the navy. Retrenchment in expenses and the prompt collection of all the oyster revenues are necessary to make the industry a success and the initial step made by the Board seems to indicate that its members are alive to

the propositions presented by the government of the United States and on the answer to them probably depends the future course of the relations between Spain and this country.

Third—The destruction of the Maine occurred at 9:40 p. m., on the harbor of Eebruary 15, 1898, in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, she being at the time leading oyster counties make moored to the same buoy to which she had been taken upon her arrival, she had been taken upon her arrival, she had been taken upon her arrival.

ALL WELL KNOWN MEN. on the answer to them probably depends the future course of the relations between Spain and this country. The propositions submitted by this she had been taken upon her arrival. There were two explosions of a distinct interval between them, and the forward part of hostilities in Cuba, the return of the reconcentrados to their usual avocations, and the independence of Cuba, this last feature to be secured probably on an indemnity basis, by which the Island would pay as ubstantial sum for its freedom from Spanish rule. These propositions take a wide scope, and there are so many details in the alternative propositions, the purpose being to present every possible plan promising a solution of the Cuban problem, so long as an end of the Cuban war and Cuban independence are embodied as an end of the Cuban war and Cuban independence are embodied it was established that the after part of the ship was practically intact and of the ship was practically intact and nothing less than the close of the war and the independence of the island will suffice as an adequate island will suffice as an adequate mony.

The president of the board is to represent the commencement. I would not pay a penny apiece for men who never secretary \$1,000. The other members receive only their travelling expenses when attending meetings of the board. The total appropriation to defray the expenses of the board is \$4,000.—Richmond Dispatch.

The president of the board is the commencement. I would not pay a penny apiece for men who never make mistakes. But it is the extreme of mulcishness in us to shut our eyes, and not profit by our mistakes and observations, but go on repeating them.

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WRECKED BY A MINE.

Official Report of The Court of Inquiry Which Investigated The Maine Disaster.

of the court of inquiry:
"U. S. S. Iowa, First Rate.

Key West, Fla., March 21, 1898. "After full and mature consideration of all the testimony before it, the court finds as follows:

"First—That the United States battle ship Maine arrived in the harbort of Havana, Cuba, on January 25, 1898, and was taken to buoy No. 4, in from five and a half to six fathoms of water by the regular government pilot. The United States consul gender the states of the control of the states o eral at Havana had notified the authorities at that place the previous evening of the intended arrival of

the Maine.
"Second—The state of discipline on board of the Maine was excellent, and all orders and regulations in

reported. The only magazine which had an undue amount of heat was the after ten-inch magazine, and that did not explode at the time the alaine was destroyed. The torpedo war heads were all stowed in the after part of the ship, under the wardroom, and neither caused nor participated in the destruction of the Maine. "The dry gan action of the Maine. "The dry gan action and the state of the duties of their positions are used unto the open and the sub-divided and sub-divided would derive a good revenue, other wise he thought it possible very radical legislation might be enacted at the next session of the General Assembly. He has, therefore, imprices, but to the contrary. Therefore, it is necessary to increase the production. Add to this experience, improved methods and machinery in contract the state of the ship, under the world are the data of the state would derive a good revenue, other would derive a good revenue, medical stores were stowed aft, un-der the wardroom, and remote from the scene of the explosion. No dan

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the explosion of a submarine mine which caused the partial explosion of two or more of her forward maga

zines.
"Eighth—The court has been unable to obtain evidence fixing the Washington, March 28.—The fol-wing is the full text of the report

W. T. SAMPSON, Captain U. S. N., A. MARIX, Lieut-Commander U. S. N.

BOARD OF FISHERIES.

of Fisheries: Dr. Frank Fletcher, of Accomac

Mr. Seth F. Miller, of Matthews.

Hon. Rufus A. Ayres, of Wise. Senator George B Keezell, of Rock-

salaries of the captain of the Chesapeake from \$125 a month to \$1,000 a year, of the employees proportionately and in laying up until after October 1st one of the schooners of the pawer Betterschment in average of the pawer across the pawer acr THE SECRETARY.

the responsibilities imposed on them and will discharge their duties fear-lessly and with a view to the best interests of the State.

Whether the Cuban question is to be one of peace or war it seems now must certainly be decided in two or three days. Propositions have been submitted by this country to Spain, one of which it is claimed she must submitted by this country to Spain, one of which it is claimed she must accept and either of which means a termination of the war and Cuban independence. The Spanish Government, it is stated, is now giving earnest and grave consideration to the propositions presented by the government of the United States and on the answer to them probably depends the future course of the rela-

Ready For War.

Judge Hanckel has granted a charter to the Virginian and Pilot Publishing Company, the purposes of which are to engage in the news gaper publishing business and took a general job-printing and book binding business. The capital stock is from \$20,000 to \$50,000, to be divided in the shares of the part value of \$51,000 the after part. W. S. Wilkinson, treasurer, and Jase E. Alien, secretary. This is the consolidation of the Daily Virginian and Daily Pilot.

The first issue in its new form has been received at this office, and the new paper, combining as it does the best features of both and the new paper, combining as it does the best features of the daily consolidation of the State. It is now indead upon a excellent paper, and justly entitled to the liberal pattorage of all Virginian, and especially of-this section of the State.

Any opinion at this particular time as to the immediate outcome of the Cuban mailar was not made and the manufacturer of the Cuban mailar was not manufactured. The manufacturer of the Cuban mailar was not manufacturer of the State.

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Letters From the People.

MR. EDITOR:-About the easiest thing to do in this age is to get in the newspapers. Everybody, who has an idea, can ventilate it to his heart's content. There are two classes of people who get in the newspapers, those who have something to say. and those who want to say something. It may be that your readers will, after reading me through, conclude that I am in the latter class. Nevertheless, with your accustomed cour-"Judge-Advocate tesy. I am going to say it.

I often wonder if the farmers of
the Eastern Shore, especially Accomac
county, realize the enormous propor,

Dr. Frank Fietcher Chairman.

Governor Tyler Monday appointed the following members of the Board that there is no place in these United States, where the growing of sweet potatoes is the "main crop" of the entire farming population, as in Ac comac county. So marked is this, that I do not recall an instance in the county where some other crop is the "main crop." There may be iso lated exceptions, however. In other sections of the country where the sweet potato is grown, it is in connection, with a what which the section of the country where the sweet potato is grown, it is in connection, with a what which the section of the country where the sweet potato is grown, it is in connection, with a what which the country was a section of the country where the sweet potato is grown, it is in connection, with a what which the country was a section of the country where the sweet potato is grown, it is in connection. "Second—The state of discipline on bard of the Maine was excellent, and all orders and regulations in regard to the care and safety of the man stowed in accordance with prescribed instructions, and proper care was taken whenever the most important appointments to describe the unit work of assunt has comsidered the seet by far the most important appointments to make a three the most important appointments to describe the weet possible very time and proper care was taken whenever the most important appointments to deal with what might be aptin the country. There is on thing at mean transfer to the contrary

SKETCH OF THE PRESIDENT.

Dr. Frank Fletcher is the son of the late James H. Fletcher, Sr., of Accomac. He is about 51 years old

the marketing of the Accomac sweet potato crop, which is the result of the brawn of the almost entire community, be an exception to the ordinary commercial customs governing the product of other communities? The sweet potato is not a luxury, nor the growing of them experimental.

the order of the day, in all walks of life, whether it be professional, busi

ness, or labor.

There are no good reasons why the

Any opinion at this particular time as to the immediate outcome of the Cuban affair would be mere gness work. This much, however, is certain. The people of the United States as a whole and their representatives in both branches of Congress have determined that this Cuban question shall be settled and settled in short order once for all, and that the basis of settlement shall be the independence of Cuba.

Just how that is to be accomplished is the question of the hour. It may be by the purchase of Cuba from Spain by the insurgents. It may be a complete surrender on the part of Spain and the abandonment of the island. It may be by forsible intervention and war.—Richmond Times

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ble organization, is of a secondary consideration, first get farmers think-ing, and discussing plans. Don't be satisfied with getting the "upper satisfied with getting the "upper crust" together, get the "rank and file," the fellow that "gets off his coat" and "digs." In your meetings keep the "rabble" out, and those whose interest could only be to give the organization a "black eye." the organization a "black eye."
Proceed as any other body of interested men would, who have something to do, and do it.

MR. EDITOR:-Will you please allow space in your weekly visitor for the

following: In your last issue I saw a notice that we are to have another contest with the liquor element of the three lower districts of Accomac whether we shall still have local option or history lights. whiskey license

For two years on the 19th of next month we have had local option, and radical legislation might be enacted at the next session of the General Assembly. He has, therefore, impressed upon the appointees, especially upon the Tidewater members, the necessity of devoting every energy to the duties of their positions, and they each declared their intention of doing so.

In selecting Dr. Fletcher, Governor Tyler was greatly influenced by Senator LeCato, of Accomac, the patron of the bill creating the Board.

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The average farmer "girds up his lons" and goes forth to produce the patron of the bill creating the whole, taken them at enhanced the mathemate enhanced whom you know have prepared a risk, and thereby fail to notify the themselves to rob your boys and themselve law against theft or murder or any other law entirely prohibit. But I do other law entirely promote. But I do say and no man can truthfully contradict, that according to the enforcement of the local option law, it has prohibited as well as any law on our statute books. And now about the loss of the revenue; will some one the loss of the revenue; will some one tell me what became of the money

received from the license tax previous to local option in the county? Did it not take all to punish the criminals created by the very stuff we licensed? Away with revenue! Will we sell our boys for revenue? For two years past we have been deprived of this very desirable reverse Ex parte: Petitic nue and still our taxes have not been increased; our free school terms have been just as long and we have been to the extra expense of buying two road machines and teams and working three during the two years. ing three during the two years. I hear no complaint of shortage of funds to meet public expenses.

Now brethren of the churches of the different denominations, what will you do about this contest? Will

you rally to God's cause and assert you rally to God's cause and assert you rinfluence and power as you did two years ago? Or will you ally your selves with wickedness? Will you make yourselves aiders and abettors of Satan's best device for the ruin of C. Barnes, A. J. Lewis, Leonidas C. Barnes, A. J. Lewis, Charley Lewis Charley

the enemy. To fail to do all you can, and not vote, is to indirectly aid the enemies' cause; and God will hold whoever you be, whether preacher or layman, white or colored, responsible of the work of the working presents of the state of the work of the working presents of the working presents

Ministers of the gospel, ye who thand on the walls of Zion, sound the bugie blast and call forth your lay. stand on the walls of Zion bugie blast and call forth your lay-men and friends of God's cause and let us all rally to the standard of God been shown to the court that and home and native land; and our Heavenly Father will surely bless us and the victory will be ours as it was two years ago. We do not want blood herewith filed marked "A") money in our treasury and if those who have been violating the law con thirty days at the front door of time to do so, we will not be responsible for their sins. If we license the court-house of this county

W. J. RUE.

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Notice to Change Voting Place —FROM—

MASONVILLE TO PARKSLEY. VIRGINIA:-At a court held for the county of Accomack,

Ex parte: Petition of Fletcher Drummond and others to change Voting Precinct from Masonville

This day came Fletcher Drummond, A. D. F. Ewell, John S. Scott, John T. White, M. L Lewis, D. H. Johnson, A. Johnson, John D Watts, S. D. Parkes, C. C. Dix, W. J. Lewis. Wm. J. Lilliston, E. D. Hinman, men, the rum mill?

To vote for license is to directly aid Lewis, Robert Lewis, Charley cinct of Masonville, in the Magor failure. cinct of Masonville, in the Mag-God's word says "Woe unto him isterial District of Metompkin, God's word says "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him a d maketh him drunken." Whoever fails to come up to the help of the Lord in this mighty contest on the 23rd of next month and do what he can both directly for the abolition of the liquor traffic will be guilty of putting the bottle to his neighbor's lips thirty days at the front door of them we are a partner with the guilty party. As for me and my house we will still serve the Lord.

W. J. P. ....

The field sins. If we house in the said voting place of Masonville and at the said town of Parksley, the court, for reasons appearing satisfactory, doth order that this cause be continued till the first day of the next term, and that a copy of this order be published in the two consecutive issues of the "Peninsula Enterprise" following the adjournment of this I am now prepared to furnish court. And the court reserves

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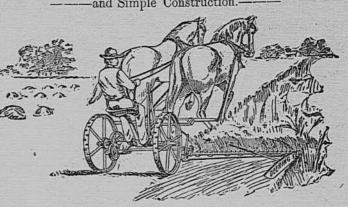
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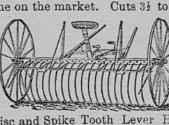
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LOCAL OPTION ELECTION. An election will be held at the several voting places in the Magisterial Districts of Pungo-

-SATURDAY,-

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